

Offended Because Of Jesus

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MARK 14: 26-31

Intro. [A.] Jesus ate the Passover with His Apostles.

1. He broke bread and gave it new meaning.
2. He took the cup and gave it new meaning.

[B.] They concluded the Passover.

- Vs. 26
1. They sang or chanted a Psalm.
 2. They went to Mt. Olive.

I. [Jesus spoke a warning to his apostles.]

Vs. 27 [A.] "All ye shall be offended because of me this night."

1. σκανδαλιζω = "to cause to stumble, or fall", "to give offence or scandal" to anyone.
2. "turn against me", "desert me", "walk away"

[B.] Jesus noted it to be prophesied.

- Vs. 27b
1. "... for it is written..."
 2. "... I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered".

[C.] They will be united again.

- Vs. 28
1. "But after that I am risen..."
 2. "... I will go before you into Galilee".

II. [Why would These People Be Offended By Jesus?]

[A.] Their anger or resentment will not be directed toward the Jewish rulers.

1. They understood the Pharisees and their duty.
2. They were responsible (the Pharisees were) for the spiritual well-being of their nations.
3. They were aware of the non-traditional teachings of Jesus.

A. We may be offended by the cross. ②

1. Gal. 5:11 "And I, brethren, if I get preach circumcision, why do I get suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased."

2. The preaching of the cross only, alone and without anything more, is an offense and a stumbling block to many.

B. Spiritual meat offends people today.

1. John 6:61 - "Doth this offend you"?

2. Heb. 5:12-14

3. I Cor. 3:1-2, I Peter 2:2

C. When persecution arises because of the Word, people are offended.

1. Matt. 13:21

2. "...because of the word by and by he is offended".

D. People are offended by absolutes in Christ's teaching.

1. Jesus offered only two choices, they are usually, "either, OR", Right or wrong.

2. we are either for Him or against Him.

3. we are either faithful or unfaithful.

4. we either obey Him or disobey Him.

5. There are only two ways, broad and

Narrow, 6. There is only one faith, one Lord, and one baptism.

7. There is only, the faith, not "faiths".

8. you either are or you aren't.

9. you either do or you don't.

10. your building on rocks or sand.

11. you are either lost or saved.